

# Story of Bhrigupada







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Once, long ago, on the shore of the river Sarasvati, a discussion arose among a group of sages as to which of the three chief lords - Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva - is the greatest



They deputed Bhrigu Muni to investigate the matter

I will test the lords' tolerance,  
for that quality is a sure sign of  
greatness



First he entered the court of Lord Brahma, his father, without offering him any respect...





...this enraged Brahma, who suppressed his anger because Bhrigu was his son





Then he walked off

Let me leave this place  
immediately. He is very angry  
because I did not offer him  
obeisances





Next Bhrigu went to Lord Shiva, his older brother, who rose from his seat to embrace him

Oh! I am so happy to see you. My younger brother let me embrace you

No! No!! You are deviant heretic





Because Bhrigu rejected the embrace, lord Shiva became very angry





Just as Shiva was about to kill Bhrigu with his trident, Goddess Parvati intercepted and pacified her husband. Meanwhile Bhrigu left kailash





Next Bhrigu went to Vaikuntha to test Lord Narayan. Going up to the Lord, who was lying with His head on the lap of the goddess of fortune, Bhrigu kicked His chest





But instead of becoming angry, both the Lord and His consort stood up and offered Bhrgu respects









Bhrigu went back to the assembly of sages and told them all that had happened....

...hence my answer to your question is that Lord Vishnu is the Supreme

Lord Vishnu ki jay



## ***PURPORT:***

Bhrigu Muni tested the tolerance of the Lord by purposely kicking His chest, but instead of being angry at Bhrigu Muni the Lord begged his pardon, saying that Bhrigu Muni's leg might have been badly hurt because His chest is too hard. The Lord has the sign of the foot of bhrigupada as the mark of tolerance